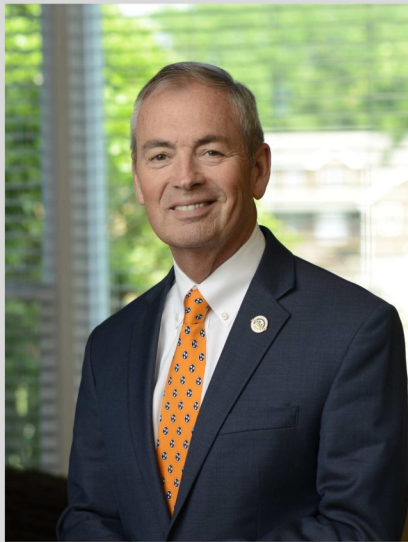




# THE COUNTY CONNECTION

A Monthly Newsletter from Mayor Randall Hutto  
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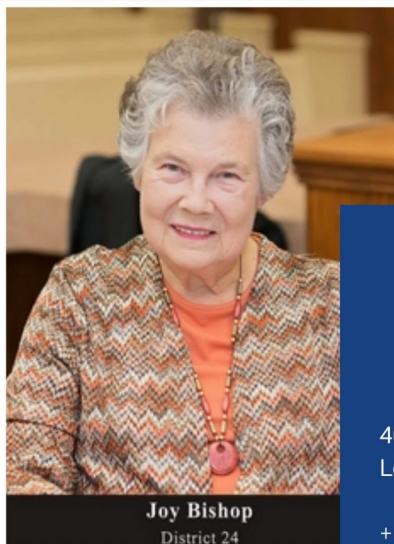
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## *A Word from Mayor Hutto...*

It's been a year since a series of devastating tornadoes ripped through our county. As we remember the struggles of last year, please pray for those affected by the winter storm in Texas. Many families and individuals there are facing the same challenges that we did one year ago. While the strong winds of March 3, 2020 wreaked havoc on schools, homes, and our landscape, the one thing it couldn't do was break the spirit of our communities. We watched in awe as our neighbors banded together to rebuild and start fresh. Through the efforts and determination of many, we are emerging stronger than ever. Out of this tragedy was born new friendships, new opportunities, and a very special group of people who formed Recover Wilson. A Long-Term Recovery Group, Recover Wilson, is made up of faith-based communities, non-profits, and leaders in the community working to assist individuals and families as they recover from this disaster in a holistic, sustainable, and equitable way. Recover Wilson has worked with local churches and organizations such as Westminster Home Connection, Community Resource Center, Community Foundation of Middle TN, and Tornado Recovery Connection to assist victims of the March 3rd tornadoes as they begin the rebuilding and recovery process. Recover Wilson has been instrumental in the county's recovery in several ways. Walkabouts were completed in July and October. These walkabouts were designed to get volunteers into the communities hit hardest by the tornado and walk door to door letting survivors know that neighbors and the community are here for them and ready to assist. They have provided clothing, food, household essentials and other items to families displaced during the aftermath of the storms. Recover Wilson worked with local churches and volunteers to organize clean up days removing debris from property affected by the storms. Recover Wilson has assisted with identifying needs of our communities and connecting the nonprofit and church-based resources with funding available from The Community Foundation and other sources that were available to fill the social gap. Also, Recover Wilson member Westminster Home Connection has coordinated the assessment of homes needing repair and rebuild and First Baptist Lebanon, The Glade Church, and Silver Springs Baptist Church have stepped up to offer financial resources and volunteers. Together, these organizations will provide tens of thousands of dollars' worth of construction in the (continued on page 02)...



## Commissioner Spotlight: Joy Bishop District 24



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## Wilson County LANDFILL

### WINTER HOURS

**Monday-Friday**  
**7:00AM-3:00PM**

**CLOSED SATURDAY**

**ALL LOADS MUST BE CHECKED INTO  
THE SCALE HOUSE BY 2:30 P.M.**

**PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS  
TO 615.449.6684**

**PLASTIC RECYCLING IS AVAILABLE AT  
WILSON COUNTY CONVENIENCE  
CENTERS! MILK JUGS AND SODA  
BOTTLES MUST BE REMOVED FROM  
PLASTIC BAGS BEFORE ENTERING THE  
RECYCLING BINS.**



...(continued from page 01) county not otherwise covered by insurance or other resources. Although it's been one year since the storms, our community's recovery process may take anywhere from 18 to 24 months to complete; so, for those still seeking assistance and who have questions about the process, Recover Wilson is a great avenue for you. They can be reached by phone at 615-270-9255. A case manager from Tornado Recovery Connection will return your call to provide you with assistance. Case managers work alongside Recover Wilson ensuring the best way to assess needs for survivors now or in the future. You can also visit Tornado Recovery Connection's website (see page 07) to learn more about the resources available for those impacted by the tornado. You can rest easy knowing your information is kept confidential and that Recover Wilson, above all else, seeks to ensure that you understand you are not alone. They are here to serve each affected community member equally as you move towards recovery. Thank you for your service, Recover Wilson. You've become a beacon of hope for so many in our county and we appreciate all that you do.

*Randal Hutto*

### NO ONE TOOL WILL ELIMINATE COVID-19

Protect yourself from the virus:



Wilson County Government Offices will be  
CLOSED on Friday, April 2, 2021 in  
observance of Good Friday.

Offices will re-open Monday, April 5,  
2021 at their regular business hours.





**THDA**  
**COVID-19**  
**RENT RELIEF**

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
**844-500-1112**  
**THDA.ORG/COVIDRENTRELIEF**

## TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARD ASSISTING WITH COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

On February 23, 2021, WZTV News reported that since the COVID-19 vaccine rollout first began across the state, the Tennessee National Guard has helped administer more than 223,000 shots. "Helping citizens get vaccinated has been our primary focus since the vaccines have become available," said Maj. Gen. Jeff Holmes, Tennessee's Adjutant General. "It's the next step to helping Tennessee return to normal." Throughout the past year, over 1,600 guardsmen have assisted COVID-19 testing centers across Tennessee. "Our Soldiers and Airmen have displayed an impressive level of mental fortitude and adaptability over the last year," said Holmes. "From COVID-19 testing, vaccinations, tornado response, civil unrest, and winter weather relief, the men and women of the Tennessee National Guard have stepped up and overcome adversity time and time again." Thank you to our soldiers and airmen for their dedication in protecting our most vulnerable populations as we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. We are thankful for all the medical personnel and volunteers that are making this possible!

The full article can be found at <https://fox17.com/news/local/tennessee-national-guard-helps-administer-more-than-223k-covid-19-vaccines-pandemic-coronavirus>.



**WILSON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL  
RETURN TO HOME CHALLENGE  
"STRAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME"**

**"KEEP THEM HOME"  
"KEEP THEM SAFE"  
"GET THEM CHIPPED"**

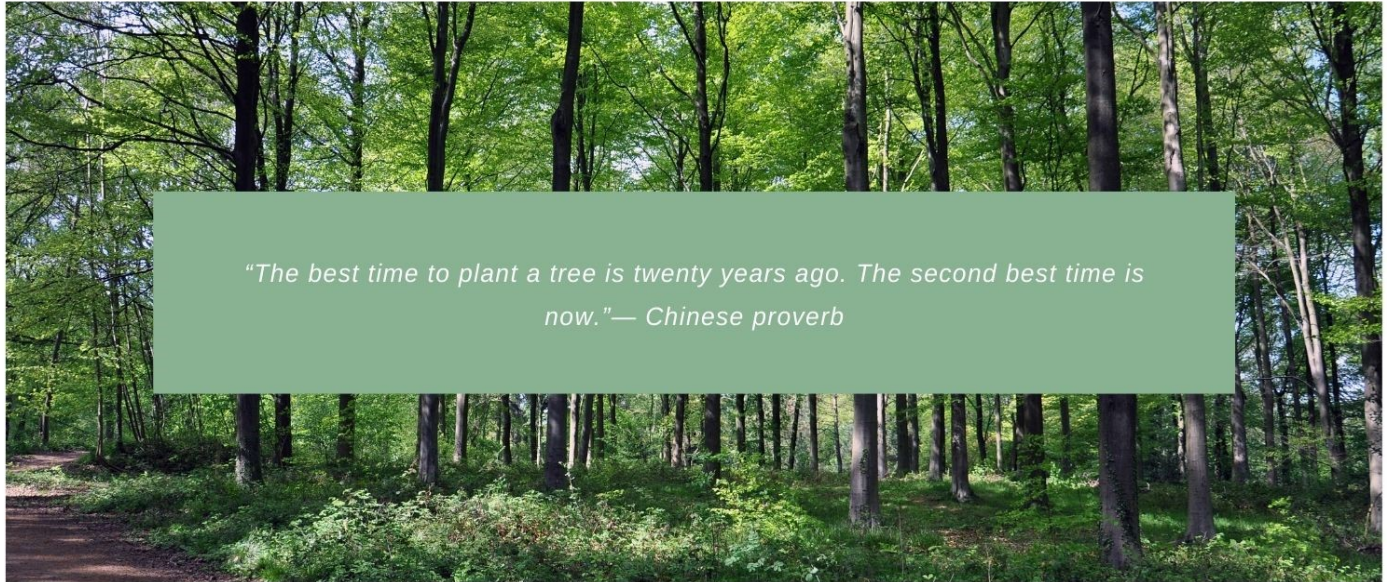
**WILSON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL  
HAS INVITED  
THE CITY OF LEBANON ANIMAL CONTROL  
TO JOIN THEM IN HELPING GET THE  
DOGS BACK HOME SAFE.**

**FREE MICROCHIP CLINIC  
TO THE FIRST 100**

**MARCH 13, 2021  
FROM 1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM**

**JAMES E WARD AGRICULTURAL CENTER  
945 E BADDOUR PKWY,  
AT THE ENTERTAINMENT PAVILLION**





*"The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second best time is now."— Chinese proverb*

## WILSON COUNTY STORMWATER DEPARTMENT PLANS TENNESSEE TREE DAY CELEBRATION

*submitted by Lisa Baldwin, Wilson County Stormwater Department*

Each year the Wilson County Stormwater Department partners with TEC for their Annual Tennessee Tree Day! This program is to help people see and USE the benefits of trees! Just a few of those benefits are:

### Environmental

- Reduces urban heat. i.e. Parking Lots
- Improve air quality by filtering harmful dust and pollutants.
- Give off Oxygen for us to breathe.
- Reduce the amount of stormwater runoff, which reduces erosion and pollution of waterways.
- Many species of wildlife depend on the trees for habitat.

### Economic

Reduce cooling costs if planted in the correct location.  
Evergreen can be used as a wind block and can reduce the cost of heating your home.  
Can increase up to 10% the price of your home with mature trees and manicured landscapes.

### Social

- Reduces the amount of stress in people who spend time among the trees.
- People who are in hospitals recover more quickly when a view from their room includes a tree.
- Children have been shown to retain more information taught in schools if they spend their time outdoors in green spaces.
- Are used often as living memorials or reminders of loved ones.

### Communal

- Your neighbor will benefit from your trees on your property.
- Tree lined streets have a traffic calming effect. Traffic moves more slowly and safely.
- Can be used to block unwanted views and can be used as noise buffers.
- Can improve overall aesthetics of entire neighborhoods.



We are VERY excited to be part of this program! **We will be giving away 1000 trees on Friday, March 19, 2021 from 9:00am until they are gone right outside our office at 233 East Gay Street!** So prepare to plant your new trees on Saturday the 20th, but enjoy them for many years to come!





# VIRTUAL HIRING EVENT

Participate online from home or from computers at our Career Solutions Center

**Tuesday, March 2, 2021 • 2 - 4 p.m.**

– EMPLOYER –

## KHS America, Inc.

– OPENINGS INCLUDE –

**Positions in Wilson county**

(6 Openings) Shipping clerks and order pickers

**More Than 6 Positions Available!**

**Pay Rate: Up to \$16 per hour**

**Register in Advance: <https://bit.ly/3dcFzLk>**

### Mt. Juliet

Goodwill Career Solutions

1985 Providence Parkway, Mt. Juliet TN 37122

Phone (615) 288-2389

Bring your résumé, photo ID and Social Security card or birth certificate. Dress for success. Be prepared to complete job applications and interview. If you are visiting a Goodwill Career Solutions Center, please wear a face covering and practice social distancing.



**Career Solutions.**  
*Our mission is changing lives.*

## EXHIBIT AT THE WILSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Wilson County Courthouse will present *To Make Our Voices Heard: Tennessee Women's Fight for the Vote*, a traveling exhibition, on display Monday, March 8th through Wednesday, March 31st in honor of Women's History Month. The exhibition, created in partnership with the Tennessee State Museum and the Tennessee State Library and Archives, explores the history of the woman's suffrage movement, Tennessee's dramatic vote to ratify the 19th Amendment in 1920, and the years that followed.

The exhibition is constructed of multiple dynamic panels, offering guests a touch-free experience of archival images, engaging stories, and introductions to the leaders of the fight for and against the cause of woman's suffrage. Visitors will also learn about Febb Burn of McMinn County, whose letter to her son, Harry T. Burn, resulted in a last-minute vote that helped change women's history in the United States forever.

"My office is proud to offer this exhibit to the public and commemorate the brave activists that paved the way for women's suffrage. This is a great opportunity to learn about the impact that women have had on shaping our nation. As a leader in our county, I enjoyed visiting this exhibit last year and learning about the extraordinary women of Tennessee that fought for the right to vote and won," says Wilson County Mayor, Randall Hutto.

The Wilson County Courthouse is located at 228 East Main Street in Lebanon, TN. The courthouse is open Monday through Friday from 8:00A.M.-4:00P.M. Patrons and visitors alike may enter through the building's front doors to view the exhibit. The exhibit is free of charge and will be displayed upstairs in front of the County Commission meeting room. The exhibit will follow safety guidelines and the display area will be sanitized regularly. Masks are encouraged to be worn and the touch-free panels will be separated to allow plenty of room for social distancing.



Ida B. Wells-Barnett, by Sallie E. Garrity, about 1893, courtesy of the National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution



Febb Burn, about 1930s, courtesy of the Harry T. Burn Papers, C.M. McClung Historical Collection, Knox County Public Library



Anne Dallas Dudley and Her Children, 1910s, courtesy of the Tennessee State Library & Archives



**615-270-9255**

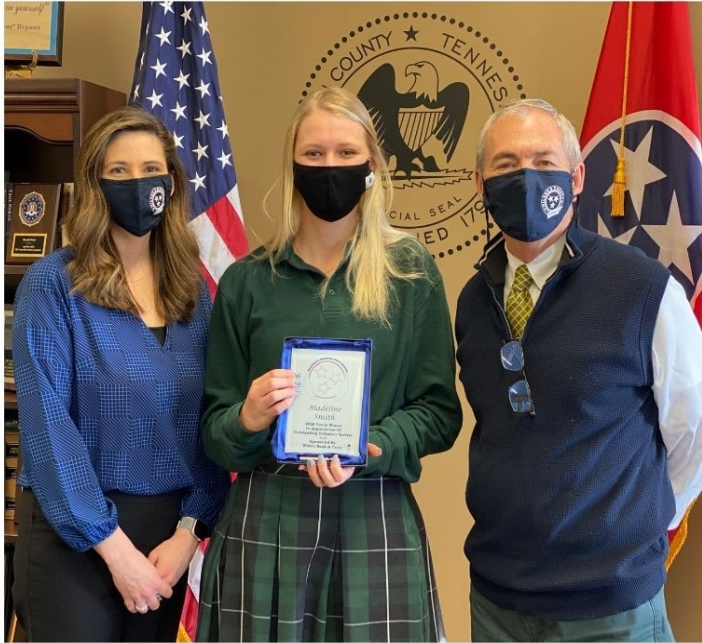
**We Can Help!**  
**HOME REPAIRS, MORTGAGE  
AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE,  
DEBRIS REMOVAL,  
MENTAL HEALTH, FOOD,  
INSURANCE MEDIATION,  
LEGAL ASSISTANCE + MORE.**

TORNADO RECOVERY CONNECTION IS ADMINISTERED BY UMCOR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
THE METRO NASHVILLE GOVERNMENT AND RECOVER WILSON COUNTY.



# GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER STARS AWARDS

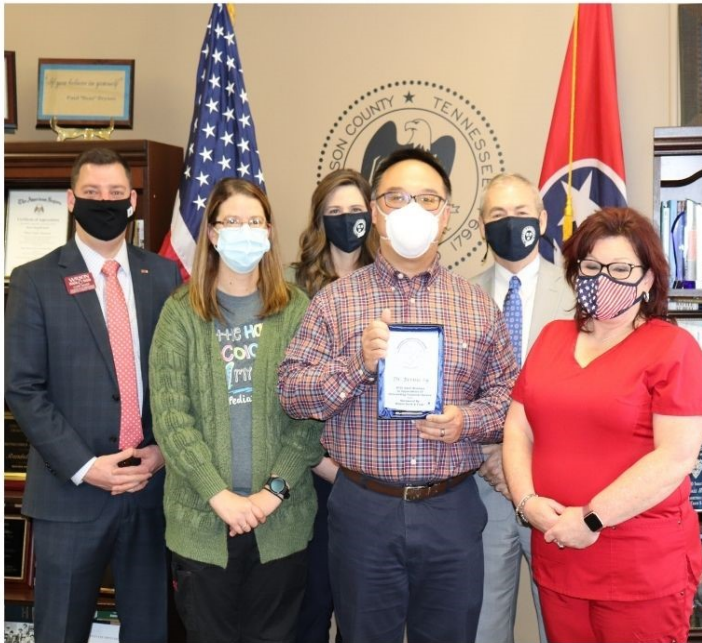
The Governors Volunteer Stars Awards (G.S.V.A.) is an initiative from Volunteer Tennessee that seeks to recognize outstanding volunteers from each of Tennessee's 95 Counties. The program is now in its thirteenth year, and the participating counties conduct a call for nominations and recognize one outstanding youth and one outstanding adult volunteer. Wilson County is unique in that we recognize all our nominees. Congratulations to all of our nominees and winners! Your volunteerism and dedication to our community is sincerely appreciated.



Sara Davenport, Coordinator for GSV - Wilson County; Madeline Smith, GSV Youth winner; Wilson County Mayor, Randall Hutto



Curt Baker, Wilson Bank & Trust; Sara Davenport, Coordinator for GSV; Jennifer Meadows, GSV Adult Nominee; Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor



Front row: Curt Baker, Wilson Bank & Trust; Jamie Locke; Dr. Sy, GSV Adult Nominee; Stacey Westmorland. Back row: Sara Davenport, Coordinator for GSV; Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor



Sara Davenport, Coordinator for GSV; Lorraine Morris, GSV Adult Nominee; Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor



# EATING SMART and Moving More

Join us for a  
series of workshops

Learn how to



- Cook
- Save money on food
- Plan meals



- Eat well
- Keep your food safe
- Be active

Classes are **FREE** to adults who are eligible for any assistance programs such as WIC, Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) or Head Start.

**Dates:** Every Tuesday for 8 weeks beginning January 19th, 2021

**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Location:** Virtual via Zoom

**Contact:** Leslyne Watkins, email [lwatkin7@utk.edu](mailto:lwatkin7@utk.edu)  
or call 615-444-9584

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Aging brings many joys, but our older years can also bring difficult life transitions and the loss of loved ones.

Senior Life Solutions, an intensive outpatient group therapy program, is designed to meet the needs of individuals over the age of 65 struggling with depression and anxiety often related to aging.

**If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the following, we can help:**

- Recently experienced a traumatic event
- Loss of spouse or close family member
- Loss of interest in previously enjoyed activities
- Changes in appetite
- Difficulty sleeping
- Loss of energy
- Feelings of sadness or grief lasting more than two weeks
- Feelings of worthlessness or hopelessness

Following an individual assessment, group participants meet three times per week in a supportive, encouraging setting. Anyone can refer individuals to the group including family members, physicians, or other health professionals.

**Depression is not a normal part of growing older. You're not alone.**


**MEET THE  
SENIOR LIFE SOLUTIONS  
TEAM**

Our patients are offered services by an interdisciplinary team of caring, experienced, behavioral health professionals, which includes a psychiatrist, licensed therapist, and registered nurse. For more information about Senior Life Solutions, contact our dedicated staff at Trousdale Medical Center.

**Learn More & Visit:**

[www.mytrousdalemedical.com](http://www.mytrousdalemedical.com)

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